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## Viewing cable 08GUATEMALA1455, DEMARCHE ON NICARAGUAN MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS -

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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE ON NICARAGUAN MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS -  
GUATEMALAN RESPONSE

REF: STATE 122262

Classified By: Pol/Econ Counselor Drew G. Blakeney for reasons 1.4 (b&d  
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¶1. (C) Pol/Econ Couns delivered reftel demarche Nov. 19 to Carlos Raul Morales, Director General for Bilateral Affairs of the Guatemalan MFA, and North America Desk Officer Sandra Jovel. Morales said the GOG concurs with the USG's assessment of the situation in Nicaragua, and with the urgent need for a transparent vote recount. He confided that Guatemala's ambassador to Nicaragua had requested the Guatemalan MFA's permission to observe the elections, but permission was denied due to irregularities in the GON's approach to international observation. The widespread irregularities of the November 9 elections set a worrying precedent for the next round of presidential elections, which had the potential to be much more destabilizing, Morales opined.

¶2. (C) The GOG is deeply concerned by the most recent events in Nicaragua, Morales said, which were out of step with the last 18 years of regional progress toward democracy and stability. Instability in any one Central American country would impact the others. Morales agreed that a transparent recount would be of paramount importance, but the GOG would not join public calls for a recount. Per Articles 6 and 12 of the 1991 Tegucigalpa Protocol, the GOG would not publicly criticize the GON; rather, any potential criticisms could be raised at a SICA (Central American Integration System) Council of Foreign Ministers meeting.

¶3. (C) Comment: Embassy does not anticipate that the GOG will take a leadership role in addressing the irregularities and outcomes of Nicaragua's November 9 elections. Nonetheless, the GOG's concerns about the potential regional impact are genuine.  
McFarland